



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 14, 2003

### **H.R. 397**

#### **An act to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the state of Illinois**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on March 12, 2003*

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 397 would have no net effect on the federal budget. The legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 397 would authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to reinstate the license and extend the deadline for construction of a hydroelectric project (number 11214) in Carlyle, Illinois. Those provisions could have a minor impact on FERC's workload. Because FERC recovers 100 percent of its costs through user fees, any change in its administrative costs would be offset by an equal change in the fees that the commission charges. Hence, the legislation's provisions would have no net budgetary impact.

Because FERC's administrative costs are limited in annual appropriations, the act would not affect direct spending or revenues.

On February 3, 2003, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 397, as ordered reported on January 29, 2003 by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. The two versions of the legislation are identical, as are our cost estimates.

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